

**Part IB Ethics  
Reasons and Relativism  
Course Outline**

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*Week 1 - Why Moral Philosophers Care About Reasons*

Reading: (1) Shafer Landau *Moral Realism: A Defence*, New York: OUP (2003), Ch. xx; (2) Scanlon, T.M., *What We Owe To Each Other*, Harvard: HUP (1998), Chs. 1, 2.

*Week 2 - Internalism About Reasons*

Reading: Williams, B. 'Internal and External Reasons' in *Moral Luck*, Cambridge: CUP (1981).

*Week 3 - The Externalist Critique*

Reading: (1) Parfit, D. *On What Matters*, (2011), Vol. 1, Ch 3; (2) Scanlon, T.M., *What We Owe To Each Other*, Harvard: HUP (1998), Appendix 1.

*Week 4 - Externalism About Reasons*

Reading: (1) Parfit, D. *On What Matters*, (2011), Vol. 1, Chs. 1-2, Vol. 2, Chs. 30-33; (2) Scanlon, T.M., *Being Realistic About Reasons*, Oxford: OUP.

*Week 5 - Idealised Internalism (1)*

Reading: (1) Smith, M., *The Moral Problem*, Oxford: Blackwell (1994), Chs. 5, 6; (2) Enoch, D. "Why Idealize?" *Ethics* 115(4), p. 759-787 (2005).

*Week 6 - Idealised Internalism (2)*

Reading: Schroeder, M. *Slaves of the Passions*, New York: OUP (2007), Chs. 1, 4, 5, 6, 11.

*Week 7 - Korsgaard (1)*

Reading: (1) Korsgaard, C. 'Skepticism About Practical Reason', *Journal of Philosophy* 83 (1):5-25 (1986); (2) Korsgaard, C. *The Sources of Normativity*, Cambridge: CUP (1996), Ch. 1.

*Week 8 - Korsgaard (2)*

Reading: Korsgaard, C. *The Sources of Normativity*, Cambridge: CUP (1996), Chs 2-4.

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